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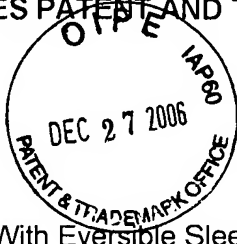
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Date: December 20, 2006 Name: Michael E. Milz Signature: [Signature]

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Boris Reydel et al.  
Appln. No.: 10/692,310  
Filed: October 22, 2003  
For: Introducer Apparatus With Eversible Sleeve  
Attorney Docket No: 10000/232



Examiner: C. Witczak  
Art Unit: 3767

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Restriction/Election Requirement; Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136(a)) (in duplicate); and
- ☒ Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards.

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$450.00 for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]  
Michael E. Milz (Reg. No. 34,880)

December 20, 2006  
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